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In the wake of the tragic Metrolink train crash last Friday that claimed the lives of at least 25 people, critically injured dozens more, and deeply impacted these victims' families, it is imperative that assistance be provided to these families immediately to help lessen the financial and emotional hardship suffered.

The focus now has to move beyond the technical details of what caused the crash and toward how Los Angeles County can best provide the resources necessary to help the families that have been devastated by this accident.

We must identify the needs of these families and develop a Victims Assistance Fund organized among Los Angeles County, Metrolink (Southern California Regional Rail Authority), and Ventura County that can meet those needs and raise the required funding.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board direct the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work directly with the Metrolink CEO and Chair, and the Ventura County CEO and Chair to create immediately a Victims Assistance Fund (Fund) to provide the financial, emotional and government support necessary for the families of the victims of the September 12th Metrolink crash and to report back to the Board next week with an update on the status of this Fund, the details of the Fund, and the parameters for which this Fund can be used to provide assistance.

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